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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - TRIBAL 2 DAY POW WOW - BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Annual Council Meeting and Pow Wow will begin June 28, 1975. Mark your calendar now as the festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday the 28th with an Archery Shoot and wind up with the Pow Wow. If last years' Potawatomi Day is any indication of an enjoyable day, this year will be sensational. The events of the day are listed below in order and you might want to keep this letter so you will know the time of each event.

ARCHERY SHOOT - 9:00 a.m. June 28 - Leon Bruno will be in charge of the Archery Shoot which will be held one mile east of Hardesty Road and SHW 18. There will be signs on the roads to give directions when you reach Shawnee. There will be classes for everyone and trophyies will be awarded during the Pow Wow to third place in each class.

BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY AND FLAG PRESENTATION 10:00 a.m. - Try and come early June 28 for the Tribe's Bicentennial Flag raising ceremony. This ceremony will be held on Tribal property, one mile south of Shawnee just west of the Pow Wow grounds. Indian dancing will provide an important added attraction during the Flag raising. You can also add meaning to the Bicentennial Ceremony by attending and wearing tribal dress.

COUNCIL MEETING - ST GREGORYS COLLEGE - COMMONS BUILDING - 1:00 p.m. - The annual Council Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons Building at St. Gregorys College. Highlights of the meeting will be the election of Chairman and two Councilmen. The Council will be up-dated on the present pending claim, industrial projects and tribal programs. Any person wishing to run for an elective office must have a letter in to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer no later than midnight, June 17, 1975. The Tribal Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. Beverly Hughes, Route 5 Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

GOURD DANCING 2:00 p.m. - There will be Gourd Dancing in the afternoon following the Council Meeting. This will be hosted by the local Gourd Clubs and Pow Wow Clubs.

SUPPER 5:00 p.m. - Supper will be served to all attending and there will be no charge. However, we wish to ask you to bring a dish to share for the supper. A salad or desert will be appreciated. The Potawatomi Pow Wow Club will furnish the main portion of the meal which will include meat and various Indian dishes. You are asked to bring your own plates and eating utensils. Ample seating space will be provided but you may want to bring lawn chairs in order to be more comfortable.

GOURD & SOCIAL DANCING - 6:30 p.m. - The Commanche Little Ponies will be co-hosting this years Pow Wow. The staff will include; Head Man Dancer, Woogie Watchataker of the Commanche Tribe, Head Lady Dancer, Pearl Sleeper of the Arapaho Tribe, Head Singer, Jim Warden also of the Arapaho Tribe, Little Boy Head Dancer will be Buckskin Little Creek of the Arapaho and Shawnee Tribes, Little Girl Head Dancer will be Kitty Knight of the Seminole and Creek Tribes, and the Emcee for the Pow Wow will be Le Roy Neddeau of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe.

NOTICE TO OVERNIGHT CAMPERS - For those who are planning to camp overnight be sure to bring your own camping equipment. Water and toilet facilities will be available to campers. Meat will be rationed to campers only Sunday morning around 8:00 a.m. and campers will be expected to cook their own meal Sunday.

QUESTIONNAIRE & SURVEY - Please return to the tribal office the Questionnaire and Survey sent out in March!! This information will be coded into our computer, and may be helpful to you and your descendants in years to come.

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GROUND BREAKING - CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER - At the close of the Bicentennial flag raising, we will break ground for our forthcoming Cultural Heritage Center/Council House. The Tribe has been given a \$150,000.00 Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant with which to build this 5,553 square ft. Center. We have also been given an additional \$150,000.00 EDA grant for miscellaneous building expenses and utility extensions to industrial sites on the tribal property.

COOKBOOK OF INDIAN RECIPES - Priscilla Mullin Sherard's delightful book of Indian recipes is now published. Order your copy by mail for \$2.25 or come by the Tribal Office and pick up a copy for \$2.00. Of course, we will have a large supply on hand for the General Council. On September 1, we plan to advertise this cookbook nationally, so be sure to get your copy before then.

POTAWATOMI HISTORY - Priscilla Mullin Sherard's long-awaited Potawatomi history, People of the Place of the Fire, is nearing completion! We will let you know through the newsletter the minute it comes off the press.

PRIZE FOR BEST TRIBAL FLAG DESIGN - We are offering a \$25.00 prize for the tribal member who creates the best design for a Potawatomi tribal flag and \$25.00 for the best design for a tribal seal. Presently, we have no tribal flag or seal. Your contribution to this effort is important. Contest closes July 30. Either mail you entry to the tribal office or bring it to General Council. Yours could be the winning design!!!

POW WOW CLUB BOX SUPPERS - The Tribal Pow Wow Club is trying desperately to raise money for this years' Pow Wow, and so far participation by tribal members has been limited to a very few. The Pow Wow Club was organized to insure that each and every year the Potawatomis will have a successful Pow Wow. Bingos, Box Suppers and various other fund raising projects have been held but very few Potawatomis have taken part. Not only do we raise money at these gatherings but have a grand time. There is a Box Supper and White Elephant Sale scheduled for the 12th and 19th of June in the Community House, so plan now to bring a Box Supper and any items for the White Elephant sale and support your Pow Wow Club. Anyone wishing to make donations can do so and this also will be appreciated. Donations may be sent to Mildred Peltier, Pow Wow Club Treasurer, Route 4, Box 216, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. Hope to see you at the Box Supper and White Elephant Sale.

ARTS & CRAFTS - The Arts & Crafts Classes will begin again September 1 1975. Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. til 10:00 p.m. - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You may enroll during the summer vacation. If you need beads or supplies during the summer they may be purchased from E. M. Bourbonnais, Instructor, phone 273-2471.

CHR - RABIES CLINIC & FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - The Potawatomi CHRs will hold a Rabie Clinic June 27, 1975 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Building. Also scheduled is a program on Food Stamps in the Maud Community Building, July 16, and August 28 at 1:30 p.m.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TGDP) - Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been spent in FY-75 to compile a complete overall Economic Development Plan for future tribal income. A skill questionnaire and survey has been sent to all heads of household and this information will be coded into the tribal computer for a permanent record. Also two tribal newsletters have been sent out to all heads with these funds.